





Joint Information Center – JIC Release No. 938 January 27, 2022, 6 p.m. (ChST)

> Two COVID-19-related Fatalities Reported; COVID-19 Test Results: 743 New Cases, 34 Hospitalized; New Hotline for Isolation Facility; 42 Cases with Delta Variant Identified; Additional COVID-19 Updates

Two COVID-19-related Fatalities Reported

Today, the Joint Information Center was notified of two (2) COVID-19-related fatalities:

- The 283rd COVID-19-related fatality was found deceased at a private residence on November 1, 2021, and was pronounced dead at the Chief Medical Examiner's morgue on November 3, 2021. The patient was an 63-year-old male, unvaccinated, with underlying conditions. He tested positive on October 14, 2021.
- The 284th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) on January 26, 2022. The patient was a 53-year-old female, unvaccinated, with underlying health conditions who tested positive on January 4, 2022.

"Days of sadness are not yet behind us. While we remain steadfast in our effort to combat this virus through public health interventions, so many continue to mourn the loss of loved ones," said Acting Governor Josh Tenorio. "To all those who have had to experience grief during this time, Governor Lou, First Gentleman Jeff, and I send our deepest condolences and sympathies."

New Hotline for Isolation Facility

The community is advised that new phone numbers have been established for the Government of Guam Isolation Facility (ISOFAC) at the Bayview Hotel in Tumon. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may call **671-998-4527** or **671-998-4547** daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. DPHSS nurses and staff will assist patients in determining whether they may be eligible for endorsement into the ISOFAC.

34 Hospitalized for COVID-19

CENSUS as of 4 p.m.	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	21	11	2	34
Pediatric Admissions	0	-	-	0
ICU	1	0	0	1
Ventilator	0	0	0	0

VACCINATION STATUS	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	INELIGIBLE (0-4 years old)
Hospitalized	29	5	0
Total in Population*	132,643	8,964	12,229
Rate per 100,000 Population	22	56	0

SPECIAL NOTE: Based on today's data, if we were to compare two (2) hypothetical populations of 100,000 people each, vaccinated versus unvaccinated, there would be 22 vaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19 compared to 56 unvaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19. The risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19 is about 3 times higher for the unvaccinated as compared to the vaccinated. *Estimated population is based on DPHSS Immunization Program analysis of 2020 Census data. Updates are expected pending further Census 2020 data breakdown.

COVID-19 Test Results: 743 New Cases of COVID-19

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **743** new cases of COVID-19 from **2,827** specimens analyzed on January 26, 2022. **106** of the cases reported today are through the Department of Defense. To date, there have been a total of **30,221** officially reported cases, **284** deaths, **6,653** cases in active isolation, and **23,284** not in active isolation.

42 Cases with Delta Variant Identified

DPHSS received forty-two (42) new results from virus samples on Wednesday collected on Guam between November 2, 2021 to December 3, 2021, which have undergone genome sequencing by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). DPHSS received the thirteenth set of results from the CDC. All 42 samples were identified as sublineages of the Delta Variant of Concern (VOC). The breakdown is as follows:

Delta (VOC)

- Thirty-two (32) AY.25
- One (1) AY.103
- Six (6) AY.3
- Two (2) AY.44
- One (1) AY.69

To date, 531 SARS-CoV-2 virus samples have been submitted to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Hawaii DOH State Lab Division for genome sequencing and identified a total of three hundred twenty-nine (329) COVID-19 cases infected with variants. DPHSS previously reported variants from results from the CDC and the Hawaii DOH State Lab and identified the following:

- eighty-nine (89) cases identified with the B.1.1.7 Alpha variant
- four (4) cases identified with the B.1.351 Beta variant
- two hundred fourteen (214) cases identified with the Delta variant and its sublineages
- fourteen (14) cases identified with the B.1.429 Epsilon variant
- one (1) case identified with the P.1 Gamma variant
- seven (7) cases identified with the BA.1 Omicron variant

Tiyan COVID-19 Outreach Appointment-Based Testing

Community COVID-19 testing at the old carnival grounds in Tiyan, Barrigada has transitioned to an appointment-based system with extended hours. Unscheduled drive-ups will be accepted on a limited basis. For the safety of the community and swabbers, only four (4) adults per vehicle are allowed to be tested. To schedule an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING - Tiyan

To schedule an appointment, visit <u>tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme</u>.

Jan. 28 - 29 2022: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. BREAK: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada

COVID-19 testing will be offered by appointment through Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING – DPHSS Community Health Centers			
Jan. 28 - 29 2022 9 a.m 12 p.m.	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, <i>Inalåhan</i> By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vel Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered. Call (671) 828-7604/5/78 Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme		
	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered. Call (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment.		

Fill out a COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form ahead of time, available at dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing.

Requirements for Minors to Receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Parent/legal guardian must provide minor's birth certificate
- Parent/legal guardian must have a government-issued photo identification (ID)
- Minor must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- Guardians must present legal guardianship or power-of-attorney documents

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER) Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson				
Jan. 28, 2022: Mon - Wed, Fri.: 11 a.m 5 p.m. Sat.: 11 a.m 7 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao Register at tinyurl.com/vaxquam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.			
Jan. 28 – 29, 2022: 9 a.m 5 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme			
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COVID-19 Isolation Clearance Letters Not Required

The community is reminded that in accordance with <u>DPHSS Guidance Memo 2021-16 REV01</u> (<u>Amendment 01</u>), an isolation clearance letter is <u>not</u> required at the conclusion of the isolation or quarantine period. Although an isolation clearance letter may still be requested, businesses, organizations, and Government of Guam agencies are not required to have employees or staff furnish proof of the conclusion of isolation or quarantine to return to work or school.

Food Commodities Distribution Continues

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE), State Agency for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Nutrition Service distribution will be available to village constituents only on a first-come, first-served basis. Distribution is limited to three households per vehicle at the sites. Face masks must be worn; bring a photo ID.

Date	Location	Distribution Method - While Supplies Last	# of Bags
Friday, Jan. 28, 2022	Dededo	Drive-thru distribution will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Guam Football Association in Dededo, for Dededo constituents only, while supplies last. For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 671-632-5203/5019.	1,000

Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update

As of January 26, 2022, a total of **132,643** of Guam's eligible population (residents 5 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This total includes **13,122** residents 12 - 17 years old. **6,430** residents 5 - 11 years old received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech two dose series. **4,063** residents 5 - 11 years old have completed their two-dose series. An additional **230** residents received their booster shots and a total of **50,108** booster shots have been administered to eligible residents since September 29, 2021.

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For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.